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PATENT APPLICATION
09/583,445

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: E. Barton Manchester
Serial No.: 09/583,445
Filed: May 30, 2000
Group No.: 2182
Examiner: Tammara R. Peyton
Notice of Allowance Mailed: July 28, 2006
Confirmation No.: 1676
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACTIVATING AND
DOWNLOADING EXECUTABLE FILES FOR A LINE CARD
WITHOUT REQUIRING THE USE OF BOOT CODE ON THE
LINE CARD

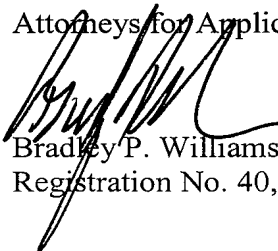
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-31. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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